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CONGEN STUTTGART INFORMED CONSIGNEE (BOEHRINGER MANN-HEIM AND BIOCHEMICA WERK TUTZING OF BOEHRINGER) OF TEXT OF REFTEL. CONGEN RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPLY FROM BOEHRINGER:

1. BOEHRINGER HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY MUEHLBAUER (GERMAN IMPORTER) PER TELEX OF MARCH 28, 1977 THAT SHIPMENT HBSAG WAS POSITIVE. QUOTING MUEHLBAUER: CONTAINERS 1-81 SHOW EVIDENCE OF HBSAG BEING POSITIVE UPON RETEST OF POOL, CPM 988 VS. CUT OFF OF 153. CON-TAINERS 82-167 ARE NEGATIVE FOR HBSAG. 2. ON THE BASIS OF THIS TELEX BOEHRINGER CONSIDERED THE TOTAL SHIPMENT OF CONTAINERS 1-167 HBSAG POSITIVE. BOEHRINGER IN RETURN HAS CONTACTED MUEHLBAUER. MUEHLBAUER'S ANSWER: BEGIN QUOTATION REFERRING TO OUR LETTER OF JUNE 23, 1977 AND OUR PHONE CALLS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MR. CHEYNE, PRESIDENT OF BPC WEST CHESTER CONTACTED FDA AND FOUND OUT THAT SECSTATE'S TELEGRAM WAS FORMULATED BY MISTAKE BECAUSE OF A COMPUTER ERROR. THE FACT IS THAT ONLY CONTAINERS 1-81 (BPC CHARGE NO. 506/1) 245,5 1 RIA ARE POSITIVE FOR HBSAG. UNCLASSIFIED

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AS ALREADY MENTIONED IN OUR TELEX OF MARCH 28, 1977 ONLY CONTAINERS 82-167 ARE NEGATIVE IN RIA-TEST. ACCORDINGLY YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM FDA AS MR. CHEYNE WILL DO, THAT A CORRECTED MESSAGE SHOULD BE SENT BY FDA. END QUOTATION. THE PLASTIC CONTAINERS 1-81 BPC CHARGE NO. 506/1 ARE QUARANTINED WITH BOEHRINGER MANNHEIM. THEY WILL GET THE DECISION FROM MUEHLBAUER WHETHER THE SHIPMENT IS TO BE

RETURNED TO BPC OR DESTROYED BY BOEHRINGER. BOEHRINGER
CONSIDERS CONTAINERS 87-167 NORMAL AND NOT COVERED BY
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